

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Rolf Menzel

Application No.: 09/920,118

Group Art Unit: 1646

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DIRECTED GENE ASSEMBLY

Attorney Docket No.: 10424-003

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application:

☐ was recorded on _____ at reel/frame _/____.

☒ is submitted herewith for recording.

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ASSIGNEE: Optigenix, Inc.

Signature:

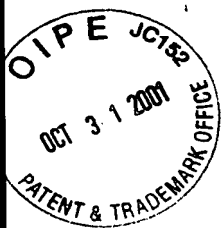
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
[37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2)] - Small Business Concern

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act in behalf of
the concern identified below:

Name of organization Optigenix, Inc.
Address of organization 1 Innovation Way, Suite 303
Newark, Delaware 19711

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the person employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern and/or there is an obligation under contract or law by the inventor(s) to convey rights to the small business concern with regard to the invention entitled METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIRECTED GENE ASSEMBLY by inventor Rolf Menzel described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☒ application no. 09/920,118 filed July 31, 2001
☐ patent no. issued

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify

as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1) if that person is the inventor, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2), or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2)]

I acknowledge that (1) any attempt to fraudulently (a) establish status as a small entity or (b) pays fees as a small entity or (2) improperly and with intent to deceive (a) establishing status as a small entity or (b) paying fees as a small entity shall be considered as a fraud practiced or attempted on the Patent and Trademark Office. [37 C.F.R. § 1.27(h)(1) and (2)]

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Title of person other than owner _____ Chief Executive Officer
Address of person signing _____ 1 Innovation Way, Suite 303
Newark, Delaware 19711

Signature James W. Sharpe Date 10/24/01

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Rolf Menzel, ASSIGNOR, citizen of the United States, residing at 207 Wills Farm Road, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania 19352, am the inventor of the invention in **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIRECTED GENE ASSEMBLY** for which I have filed an application for a Patent of the United States

☐ which is executed on ☐ even date herewith or ☐ _____

- ☒ which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 10424-003
☒ which was filed on July 31, 2001, Application No. 09/920,118

and WHEREAS, **OPTIGENIX, INC.**, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having an address at 1 Innovation Way, Suite 303, Newark, Delaware 19711, ASSIGNEE, is desirous of obtaining my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of October, 2001.

ROLF MENZEL

Rolf Menzel

L.S.

State of New York)
 County of New York) SS.:

On October 23, 2001, before me, Nancy E. Taylor, Notary Public, personally appeared ROLF MENZEL, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Nancy E. Taylor

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DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION*

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
☒ was filed in the United States on July 31, 2001 as Application No. 09/920,118 (for declaration not accompanying application)
with amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
☐ was filed as PCT international Application No. on and was amended under PCT Article 19 on (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
			YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/222,139	July 31, 2000

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS		
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* for use only when the application is assigned to a company, partnership or other organization.

2 0 1	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME Menzel	FIRST NAME Rolf	MIDDLE NAME	
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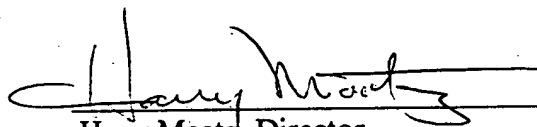
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LIMITED RECOGNITION UNDER 37 CFR § 10.9(b)

Ms. Muna Abu-Sha'ar is hereby given limited recognition under 37 CFR §10.9(b) as an employee of Pennie & Edmonds, LLP to prepare and prosecute patent applications wherein the patent applicant is the client of Pennie & Edmonds, LLP, and the attorney or agent of record in the applications is a registered practitioner who is a member of Pennie & Edmonds, LLP. This limited recognition shall expire on the date appearing below, or when whichever of the following events first occurs prior to the date appearing below: (i) Ms. Muna Abu-Sha'ar ceases to lawfully reside in the United States, (ii) Ms. Muna Abu-Sha'ar's employment with Pennie & Edmonds, LLP ceases or is terminated, or (iii) Ms. Muna Abu-Sha'ar ceases to remain or reside in the United States on an H-1B visa.

This document constitutes proof of such recognition. The original of this document is on file in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Expires: November 29, 2001


Harry Moatz, Director
Office of Enrollment and Discipline

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